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BUILDING PROBE ENDS

Commissioners Find Inspector's Force in Agreement.

WILL RECOMMEND CHANGES

Increased Force, Higher Salaries as Reward for Good Work, and Licensing of Builders and Architects Among the Measures Which Will Be Urged Upon the Next Congress.

Unrestricted agreement of men in all branches of the office of the inspector of buildings of the District marked the final day of the examination of the Commissioners into the working methods and needed of that office yesterday, especially on the proposition to license all builders and architects in the city, and to issue building permits only to those holding such licenses.

Two of the field inspectors—J. B. Clark and J. P. Perry—and Henry Storey, superintendent of repairs on public buildings, were called before the board to describe their respective duties and methods of work. Mr. Storey told of the work of the repair end of the office, and when asked for suggestions for improvement of the system complained of the rule of Congress preventing him from purchasing repair material in the open market.

Complaints of Small Salaries.
The two inspectors spoke on the need of a larger field force for inspection and of the small size of the inspectors' salaries as compared with the incomes of mechanics of similar ability. Clark is the man who had the work of inspecting the ill-fated Pickford apartment, which collapsed some weeks ago.

After all the branches of the building department had been explained to the Commissioners by these men, added to what has been brought out in the two days of examination preceding, the president of the board asked the Assistant Engineer Commissioner, Capt. William Kelly, who is closely in contact with the work of the building office, to review the matter as a whole. He confirmed the recommendations of the inspector in favor of the legislation already recommended by the Commissioners, the increase of force, and the better arrangement of salaries.

Revision Work Finished.

Capt. Kelly stated that the revision of the building regulations, which has been in progress by the committee on revision, appointed more than a year ago, has been completed, and that already some sections have been delivered, which, after consideration by the Engineer Commissioner, will be presented to the Commissioners for their action.

In commenting upon the examination, after the board had adjourned, Commissioner Macfarland said:

"We have made a thorough examination of the organization and building methods of the inspector of buildings department and will now consider what changes should be made, with a view to improvement. The matters requiring the action of Congress have all been brought to its attention heretofore by the Commissioners, but we now have stronger arguments for them as the result of this inquiry."

"They include recommendations of legislation providing for the licensing of architects and builders, and that in all large constructions a clerk of the works shall be maintained on the building constantly by the owner, and that a municipal architect shall be established to have supervision of the planning, construction, and repairs of all District buildings."

"In addition to these measures we shall renew our recommendations for increase of the force and suggest a better arrangement of the salaries, so as to give rewards, by promotion, for faithful service. The statements of the inspector of buildings show clearly that our building inspector's office is underequipped, and that the work of the constantly increasing number of buildings under construction, and that in all large constructions a clerk of the works shall be maintained on the building constantly by the owner, and that a municipal architect shall be established to have supervision of the planning, construction, and repairs of all District buildings."

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WEDDING PARTY PARADES.

Washington Couple, Enlivens Rockville After Being Married.

John Henry Hoffman, of Washington, and Miss Lottie Mae Workman, of Rockville, Md., yesterday afternoon with a couple of friends in an automobile, procured a license to wed, and were married by Rev. Ernest L. Woolf, pastor of the Methodist Church.

After leaving the minister's home, the party paraded through the principal streets, ringing a cracked cow-bell, and with a large placard suspended from the rear of the automobile bearing the words, "Just Married." The visitors seemed to be having a great deal of fun, all at their own expense, and attracted considerable attention before they got out of town.

Sues for \$10,000 Damages.

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TAKEN OFF THE LIST

Sidney Bieber and Others to Lose Their Pensions.

MAY TEST THE PROCEEDINGS

Commissioners in Arriving at Their Decision Conformed to the Rules of the United States Pension Office. Police and Fire Departments Are Affected by the Action.

Four men dropped outright from the rolls and eleven men reduced to the report of the Commissioners on the findings of the board of police and fire surgeons from the examinations of police and fire pensioners, which is required by Congress of the pensioners every two years, according to an enactment of May last.

Sidney Bieber, of the fire roll, and Charles Bartel, H. A. Quail, and L. E. Wright, of the police roll, are the men whose names have been erased and whose pensions cease immediately. It is rumored that some, if not all, of the men will contest the jurisdiction of the Commissioners in the courts.

In arriving at their conclusions in the matter of disability of the various cases, the board conformed to the rules of the United States Pension Office.

The Men Reduced.

The men who are reduced are as follows: Police department—The pension of \$35 a month paid to G. F. Cross, be reduced to \$20 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to W. R. Hays, be reduced to \$10 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to C. P. Foster, be reduced to \$10 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to C. B. Smith, be reduced to \$10 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to L. R. Snow, be reduced to \$10 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to J. E. Schuler, be reduced to \$10 a month; the pension of \$20 a month paid to Andrew Tillman, be reduced to \$10 a month.

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In all, these reductions will decrease the annual output of the pension rolls in the sum of \$47,760.

CORONER WANTS INCREASE.

Will Ask More Men and Higher Pay for Morgue Keepers.

Declaring that the work of the office of the coroner demands the services of a clerk and a stenographer, and that the heavy duties of the two men at the morgue demand that they should be better paid, Coroner Nevitt will appeal to the Commissioners for assistance.

He says that the force has not increased with the work. A force of but two men is handling about 300 bodies a year. They are expected to be on duty nearly every hour of the day and night. For service at the inquests the doctor also requires a man to take the testimony.

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OH, THAT GAS METER!

Nobody Believes in It, or the Bill Either.

NOT EVEN THE COMPANY SURE

Sometimes It Is the Inspector Who Gets the Double Cross and Sometimes It Is the Stockholder, but the Consumer More Often Is the Victim of Its Whims.

Yesterday was his day. The man with the blue coat and nickel buttons went from house to house leaving everywhere an oblong slip of paper of the color of a burned Brazilian topaz. The paper was the gas bill, and look at it as long and often as he could, the recipient of this note of hand either complained about the size of the bill or put it aside with a groan. He never made an effort to "figure out" the gas meter. The puzzle is too profound, the mystery too deep. So the bill is paid at the expiration of the ten days which is graciously allowed for settlement. If this is overlooked, another man with a blue coat will pay a visit to the delinquent. In one hand this man carries a monkey wrench, while in the other he holds a deep pink notice from the hot air company that the meter will be taken out unless the bill is paid at once.

Mark Twain made his observation on the gas meter, having had his own experience with blue-coated, monkey-wrench bill collectors and gas meters. Mr. Twain called the gas meter "a picturesque, variegated, and industrious liar."

Wide Difference of Opinion.

Mark Twain having made this festive declaration the average householder believes that whenever his gas bill increases the meter in his cellar has been "racing," and that it has recorded two feet, more or less, for each foot actually passed. The gas companies, on the other hand, maintain that the average domestic meter is "slow" and that in every instance the amount used is actually considerably more than is measured. They further claim to be able to meet the charge when no gas is used the meter under a certain amount the meter will not record at all, which enables the consumer to burn gas all night, if he turns the light low enough, without any record being made. The gas companies, on the other hand, believe that the meter is "fast" and that in every instance the amount used is actually considerably more than is measured. They further claim to be able to meet the charge when no gas is used the meter under a certain amount the meter will not record at all, which enables the consumer to burn gas all night, if he turns the light low enough, without any record being made.

But This Is Easy to Believe.

No meter was ever made which was infallible or infallible; very few have been made or put into use within recent years which are not sufficiently accurate for all practical purposes. Tests extending over many years establish the fact that about as many meters are fast as are slow, and that the percentage of error is very little either way, while the mechanism is in good working order. It has also established the fact that deterioration is steadily in favor of the companies in increasing the apparent consumption. Consequently, it is not to be wondered at that the gas companies have more than proved or tested unless the evidence of their dials, checked up by the law of probabilities and the experience of averages, shows that they must be running slow.

Perhaps the infrequency with which this happens in practice accounts for the fact that systematic economy is so rarely reflected in the gas bills, and that some of the most thrifty of us are not aware of the same when a great deal is used, or it may be even more.

"The most novel method of reducing gas bills I have ever heard of was explained to me by an Indian, when on an east-bound Pennsylvania train the other night," said G. A. Walker, of Chicago, at the Raleigh last night.

He Gave the Thing a Bath.

"The experiment was made by a German mechanic in one of the larger Hoosier cities," continued Mr. Walker. "Like many other householders, the German believed that the meter was constantly increasing bills that made their appearance monthly, and being of an investigating turn of mind, he determined to examine the inner structure of the gas meter. Turning off the supply from the street main, he proceeded to disconnect the meter, and then to open the oblong box. He carefully examined the intricate works that try to make the meter mechanism and thought of a while. An idea struck him. He took the meter to a sink, and with the aid of a funnel filled the apparatus with water and left it in this condition until he received for supply."

"The first object that encountered his gaze was that water-logged meter. Needing its services for the evening, he emptied the water, and connected it up in its former position. It performed its functions properly enough, and the incident for the time was forgotten."

Bills Began to Shrink.

"At the beginning of the following month when the gas bill came, its appearance it was found to be a trifle more than \$4. The following month this amount had dwindled to \$2.30. Then came a visit from an inspector, who after minute examination and many inquiries, removed the meter and replaced it with another. The German economist decided that the new apparatus needed a bath, and he at once carried out his resolution. The same result followed—gas bills reduced from one-half to two-thirds their former proportions. Another visit from the inspector, and another change of meters. The result was that all further efforts to restore the company's normal income from that source were abandoned."

"You ask me what caused the meter to be derelict in its duties? I suppose the bathing process caused the delicate mechanism operating the dial to become somewhat clogged with rust, and while failing to register the correct amount of gas flowing through the box, it in no manner diminished the quantity or quality."

Did the German genius apply for a patent on his discovery?

"Well, you might satisfy yourself on that point by looking up the records in the Patent Office."

Selected as Official Route.

The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway has been selected as the official route from Washington and Baltimore to Annapolis by the Red Men for their field day in that city on Tuesday next. The committee will leave for Annapolis on early cars. In selecting the route the officials were impressed with the high degree of safety to which the single-track section between Naval Academy Junction and Annapolis has recently been brought by the installation of the Blake signal system.

Turnout Has Been Ceased.

H. W. Furness, United States Minister at Haiti, wired to the State Department yesterday that the situation in Haiti, which had been much in turmoil, due to the excitement following the revolution and the execution of political prisoners, had recently quieted down and was now one of serenity.

Watch for a City—Randie Highlands.

PLACES OF INTEREST.

Library of Congress—Open 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on secular days; from 2 p. m. to 10 p. m. on Sundays and on certain holidays.
Public Library—Open 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; holidays, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; Sundays, 2 to 9 p. m.
Exhibit Museum—Open 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.
United States Capitol—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
United States Treasury—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
State, War, and Navy Departments—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. (The original Declaration of Independence is in the library of the State Department.)
United States Patent Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
United States Pension Bureau—Open 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. (including holidays.)

United States Post Office—Open 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.
Washington City Post Office—Open all hours. (The Dead Letter Office is in the city post office.)
National Geographic Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Fish Commission—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Army Medical Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
National Museum—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays.)
Smithsonian Institution—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. (including holidays.)

Agricultural Department—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
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IN THE SUBURBS.
Zoological Park—Open all day.
Rock Creek Bridge and Park.
Cherry Chase, Kensington, and Chesapeake Beach.
Navy Yard—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Mount Vernon—Open 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Ford's Theatre—Open 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Fort Myer Military Post—Open all day.
Falls Church, Vienna, and Fairfax Court House.
United States Soldiers' Home—Open 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.
United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
Catholic University, Washington, D. C.
Cabin John Bridge, Catholic University, and Alexandria, Va.
Great Falls of the Potomac—Falls are illuminated at night.

LOCAL INVENTOR HAS AIRSHIP

Capt. George West Byron Says He Has Mastered Problem.

Criticizes Aeroplanes and Says Gas Bags Must Be Used to Assure Stable Flight.

Appropos the attention given aviators, airships, and aeroplanes recently, Capt. George West Byron, local inventor and student of aerial navigation, last night expressed the opinion that "cigar-shaped" gas bags, such as are now being experimented with, must be abandoned if man is to master the air.

"All the flying machine and aeroplane experiments of the present day are trying too much to imitate the flying bird aloft," said Capt. Byron. "Now, if a bird's wing becomes disabled, it drops instantly to the earth. The same is true of aeroplanes. The bird in a high or gusty wind meets an emergency instantly, because it has life and instinct to meet the danger at its very inception, while man's invention is inanimate and cannot act of itself. Man himself has to act, instead, and he has to wait until the emergency comes unexpectedly, and he and his craft meet with disaster."

"The airship or dirigible balloon has stability, speed, and equipoise, and it is my intention to perfect an airship having a number of gas bags, or compartments, that will at all times be used. It is true we hear of wonderful flights being made by our own aviators and by foreigners, but if you will notice they always occur in the evening, when we have the lightest winds of the day."

"A machine that cannot make a flight at noon or at any other hour, and on any day of the week will be of little value to any country in time of war. It is true we hear of wonderful flights being made by our own aviators and by foreigners, but if you will notice they always occur in the evening, when we have the lightest winds of the day."

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LAWN FETE FOR CHARITY.

Large Attendance at Church of the Ascension for Event.

Decorated with Japanese lanterns and varicolored bunting, the lawn fete given under the auspices of the Rector's Aid Society at the Church of the Ascension last night proved successful, financially and socially. The proceeds will go toward improvements in the interior of the church.

A large crowd was in attendance, and the refreshment booths were well patronized.

Rev. J. Henning Neils, rector of the church, was present, and complimented Mr. Z. D. Blackstone, president of the aid society and her assistants.

LOCAL MENTION.

EXCURSIONS TO-DAY.

To Port Monroe, Norfolk, Newport News, and all points South-Norfolk and Washington steamers every evening in the year at 6:30.
Cherry Chase Lake—Open 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. every day except Sunday, 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.
Twilight excursions to Annapolis and Baltimore every day. Trains leave every half hour from Pilemouth and H street northeast from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m.
To Rock Creek Bridge, Zoological Park, Cherry Chase, and Kensington—Cars from Fifteenth street and New York avenue every fifteen minutes.

To Alexandria—Ferry steamer Lakawanna every hour and a half from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.
To Fort Myer, Arlington National Cemetery, Falls Church, and Fairfax Court House—Cars from Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue and Aqueduct Bridge.

Chesapeake Beach—See trains in railroad schedule. Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall—Steamer Charles Maclean, daily, except Sunday, 10 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.
Steamer St. Johns for Colonial Beach—Saturdays, 5 p. m.; other days, except Monday, 8:30 a. m.
Steamer Queen Anne for River View, week days, 10 a. m., 2:15 and 6:45 p. m.; Sundays, 11 a. m., 2:30 and 6:15 p. m.
Steamer Jamestown for a forty-mile moonlight trip down the Potomac River, daily, at 7 p. m.

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